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CORRECTION: Mehrdad Kia's name was misspelled in a previous version of this release. Please use this corrected version.

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK EVENTS SCHEDULED AT UM

MISSOULA—

The importance of international education to America and the world will be the focus of International Education Week at The University of Montana. Events will take place Monday through Saturday, Nov. 13-18.

The theme of the week, celebrated worldwide, is "International Education: Engaging in Global Partnerships and Opportunities." The week is sponsored nationally by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. UM events are sponsored by the University's Office of International Programs.

International Education Week offers time to celebrate the rich history, cultures, music and artistic traditions of the world and a chance to learn about opportunities to work and study abroad. UM students, faculty and staff will share their experiences while studying and working in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe and Oceania.

The week's Opening Ceremony will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, in the University Center Atrium. Speakers will be Mehrdad Kia, director of the UM Office of

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International Programs; Effie Koehn, director of UM's Foreign Student and Scholar Services; and Kofi Abaidoo, president of the University's International Student Association. The Saudi Cultural Group also will perform at the ceremony.

For a complete schedule of events, go online to <http://www.umt.edu/oip/events> or call the Office of International Programs at 243-2288.

International Education Week events include:

Monday, Nov. 13

Noon-1 p.m.: Opening Ceremony, UC Atrium.

3 p.m.: "Forest Landscapes and Livelihoods in Bhutan," UC Room 332.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

Noon-1:30 p.m.: Study Abroad Panel Discussion, UC Room 332

2 p.m.: "Autocracy in Denial: The Legal Obstacles to Political Opposition in Egypt," UC Room 332.

4 p.m.: "International Development: The Peace Corps Perspective," UC Room 332.

7 p.m.: "Human Rights in the Life of the Prophet Mohammed," UC Room 332.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Noon-1 p.m.: "Irish Studies in the West: Why Montana?" Mansfield Center.

3 p.m.: "Nomads and Foreigners, Fences and Walls: A Presentation on Identity and Immigration and the Divisions that They Cause," Mansfield Center.

Thursday, Nov. 16

Noon-1 p.m.: "The University of Montana and Xiamen University Law School Xeng He-Marco Polo Academy: Collaborative Legal Education at Its Best," Mansfield Center.

3 p.m.: Peace Corps Information Session, Mansfield Center.

6 p.m.: Discussion and film "The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil," University Center Theater.

7 p.m.: "Connecting Missoula to the World: The Community's Role in International Education," UC Room 326.

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Friday, Nov. 17

Noon-1 p.m.: "The Return Home Workshop," Mansfield Center.

6:30 p.m.: International Student Association's Thanksgiving Banquet, Doubletree Hotel Missoula Edgewater. Tickets required. Call 543-8805 or e-mail isa@umontana.edu for information.

Saturday, Nov. 18

6:45 p.m.: Georgia Cultural Night at the International House, 659 S. 5th St. E. Reservations required. Call Evelyn at 543-8805.

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